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*In your reply please
refer to File No.*

August 3rd, 1916.

President, Dr. Falkiner, C.B.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Dr. Falkiner-

I tried to see you before leaving
Canada, but you were not in town.

I have accepted a commission from the
Militia Department to inspect the Canadian Hospitals in the
Expeditionary Forces, and now have my Headquarters at the
above address. I do not know how long this inspection will
take, but should think about four months. When completed I
will take on some other duty, which will probably necessitate
my being away during the coming winter session. I, therefore,
request leave from teaching duties during the coming year.
May I here state that although home last winter, those in
charge of the programme, assigned me less work than I have
had in previous years. It had been my custom to give a
clinical lecture once a month to the 5th year students.
Last year I was put down for one clinical lecture before
Christmas, and one in May, when the students had ceased
attending. In my opinion this work should have been done
as much as possible by senior teachers, instead of as
happened, largely by juniors.

You may recollect my notifying you
during last summer that I would be home during the first
week in October. May I state further that it seems to me
a pity that the services of Dr. H. B. Anderson have not been
made use of during the period of the War, at a time when it
is generally understood that we are short of teachers.
Dr. Anderson, in my opinion, is one of the best clinical
teachers in medicine, not only in Toronto, but to be found
on the American continent. I know that he does not happen
to be a favourite of the Professor of Medicine, but surely
this is no reason why his splendid ability should not be
made use of.

Dr.Falkiner CB

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Hoping you and Mrs.Falkiner are well,
and with my kindest regards,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

MacLennan,

Colonel
Inspector of Medical Services,
Canadian Expeditionary Forces

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August 24th, 1916.

Colonel H. A. Bruce

Inspector of Medical Services, C. E. F.,

Cleveland House,

St James Square

London, S.W., England.

Dear Colonel Bruce:

I am confident that at the meeting of the Board of Governors, when I present your request to be granted leave of absence, they will cheerfully accede to it, in the hope that you may find it possible to render much service in connection with the medical side of the War.

The return of Colonel Primrose from his fifteen months of service has been the occasion of our asking to have him retained for the work of the coming Session. This may make it possible to have the Surgical teaching performed more satisfactorily than we were anticipating would be possible with so many absent at the front. I hope that the War will not be so protracted that you will have to remain long away after your present special duty has been performed.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.